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Guest Editorial

The Gay and Lesbian Media: It Works

by DON L. FOLK, *president*
Gay and Lesbian Press Association

For the most part the press in the United States is taken for granted. For some 250 years now, the nation's press has done its work unfettered by governmental interference except for a few instances, such as the Pentagon Papers.

A free press is a critical national resource. Without the freedom to report and comment on the news, the press would become the public relations unit of the powerful. Because the press has had such great opportunity, many people don't realize exactly how important the press is — especially in the lesbian and gay community.

While some coverage of our community makes its way into the mainstream press, generally news and information that influence our community is not reported there.

Gay and lesbian publications and broadcasts fulfill a particular and vital need to the community. They look at the news in a special way to determine how legal, social, medical and psychological issues impact on our community. It may be close to impossible to develop a consensus among our people because of our diversity; but one role of the press is to raise issues for discussion.

Obviously there are a number of other benefits of the community having its own press. For example, our media:

- o Informs the community about community
- o Builds self-esteem by reporting accomplishments and successes

- o Mobilizes forces — as with Prop. 64 in California — for the imminent battles
- o Chronicles the culture of a people
- o Records the political history of a social movement

- o Fights civil rights battles for the community that particularly effect the press

- o Shows — graphically and editorially — the tremendous diversity of lesbians and gays

- o Provokes thought by identifying issues concerning the community

- o Editorializes on the events and people that make the news.

Not an easy task especially by an industry that is generally underfinanced and understaffed. But dedicated women and men continue to practice their trade and hone their skills because they know that by doing their jobs better, they better serve their readership and the community's agenda for advancing civil rights.

Some in the community believe that the presses should not criticize or expose shortcomings by either groups or individuals. Their reasoning is that we should always put the community's 'best foot forward.'

For one thing, the press's traditional role has been that of watchdog. To report only 'the best' of the community makes publications or broadcasts look like lap dogs and thus reduces the credibility of the media and ultimately the entire community.

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Le-Hi-Ho Schedules Lecture

by R. HENRY

Le-Hi-Ho's 1986-1987 lecture series will continue Thursday, March 19, with a talk by the Reverend Catherine A. Ziel, a member of the national Executive Council of the Lutheran Church in America.

The regular monthly meeting begins at 7:30 at the Lambda Center.

Pastor Ziel served as the senior pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Cherryville, Northampton County, from 1981 to 1985. She is currently a

doctoral candidate in homiletics (preaching) at Princeton Theological Seminary.

As a member of the Executive Council of the church, she helped authorize the Lutheran Church's recent national 'Study of Issues Involving Homosexuality.'

At Le-Hi-Ho's last get-together, on Sunday, February 22, the organization conducted its annual business meeting, including the installation of new officers. ☐

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A Thought After the Pope's Pastorial Letter...

by ALEX MARSHALL

Ever since I can remember putting my thoughts to paper, it has been a joy I share. This time what I am about to do brings me no joy. It is with the heaviest of hearts that I raise my pen against all that has ever been of real value to me. The milk that nurtured me, flowing from the Holy Mother, the Church. Now as she drives me into isolation, I must lean heavily on what she has taught me. She taught me that Christ deliberately delivered his church into the hands of the weakest of his apostles, Simon, called Peter, who alone denied him. She taught me that through the ages, Christ has preserved the throne of the fisherman despite the fact that murderers, thieves, liars, adulterers and assassins have tried to wear his slippers, indeed have! I sincerely doubt one could find a serious cleric today who could justify sending children to die in a senseless crusade, yet a pope did. Further, I doubt even the redoubtable Cardinal Ratzinger would urge the Holy Father to another inquisition. Was that not a Vatican institution? Lest you think the sins of Rome are all specters of the remote past, let me remind you, gentle reader, that in our own memory, we have the more than probable murder of Pope John Paul I, who reigned over a disgruntled curia for a mere 30 days. (No autopsy!)

I could go on, but volumes have been written to document the misdeeds committed in the name of God. Lords knows the Catholic Church has no monopoly on that. Witness Jerry Falwell, and the god-awful Ayatollah. The real reason I am writing is to put before you a simple and irrefutable piece of logic which will help you anytime you are faced with a homophobe pretending to be a Christian. The gay press and the press in general have examined the Pope's Pastorial Letter as if it were or could be the definitive position of the Church on homosexuality. No one bothered to point out that the Pope's Pastorial Letter is the opinion of a little man wearing slippers a tad too big. The only time a pope speaks infallibly is when he speaks *ex cathedra*, and no pope has dared to do that about homosexuality and for good reason.

Let us examine this with reason as men of logic rather than of faith. There are certain facts about the time Christ lived which do not depend upon

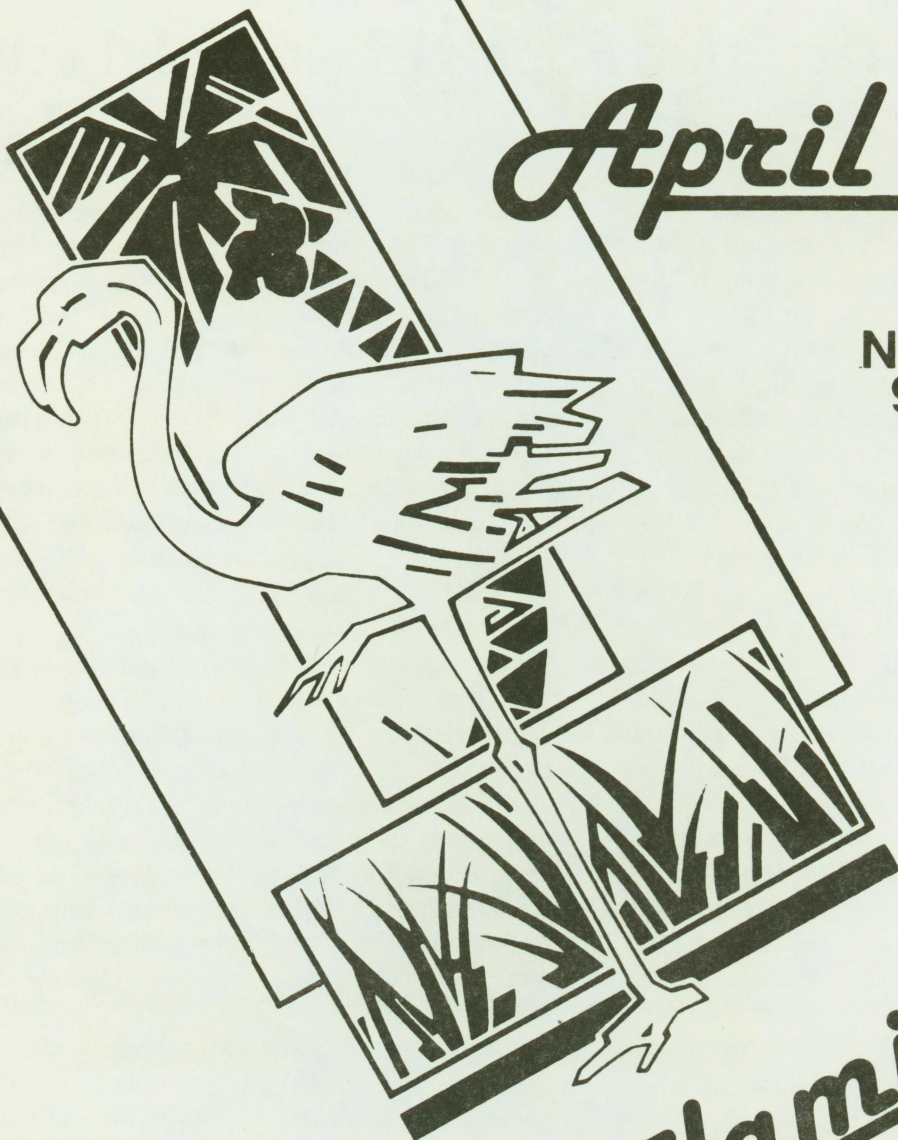
scripture, but which may be proven by historical sources. The average human life expectancy of a male Galilean was approximately 26 years, and a Jewish boy was betrothed after Bar mitzvah, puberty. Are we not taught that Christ was a thirty year old, unmarried, six foot tall charismatic Jew when he first began his ministry? Further, are we not taught that when Christ called his apostles to him, they had to leave their wives and families, if they were married, to follow him? This is often used to explain a celibate clergy. Next, let us look at the apostle who stands out from the rest, John the beloved. If by his life Christ were setting an example for his priests, why wasn't Betty-Jean the beloved? Only a question, dear friend. We are also taught David is the prefigure of Christ in the Old Testament, and Christ came from the house of David. It seems this prefigure also had a special male friend, and despite the homophobic translators and editors of the Holy Scripture, we still have a line attributed to David speaking to his lover Jonathon, "Thy love was great unto me even surpassing that of woman."

Christ singles out John many times, but perhaps the most significant are when he prophesies the death of Peter and when he is on the cross. When he tells Peter how he will die, Peter asks how John will die. Christ says to Peter, "What is it to you if I should decide that he shall live until I come again?" We do not know when, where, or if John died. Then come the famous words to John and his mother when he is dying, "Son receive thy mother. Mother receive thy son." Interpret as you will; I know how I see it. What better compliment to a lover than to make him as you?

This should be enough to move a logical mind to some obvious conclusions, but let us go on. If Christ even harbored the slightest sentiment against homosexuality, why did he heal the love slave of a Roman, pagan soldier? Nowhere does he heal a heterosexual lover. In fact, myth has it that when Christ raised Lazarus from the dead, he slept with him. Lazarus's sisters introduce a subject familiar to contemporary gays. The women who accompanied Christ were architypical

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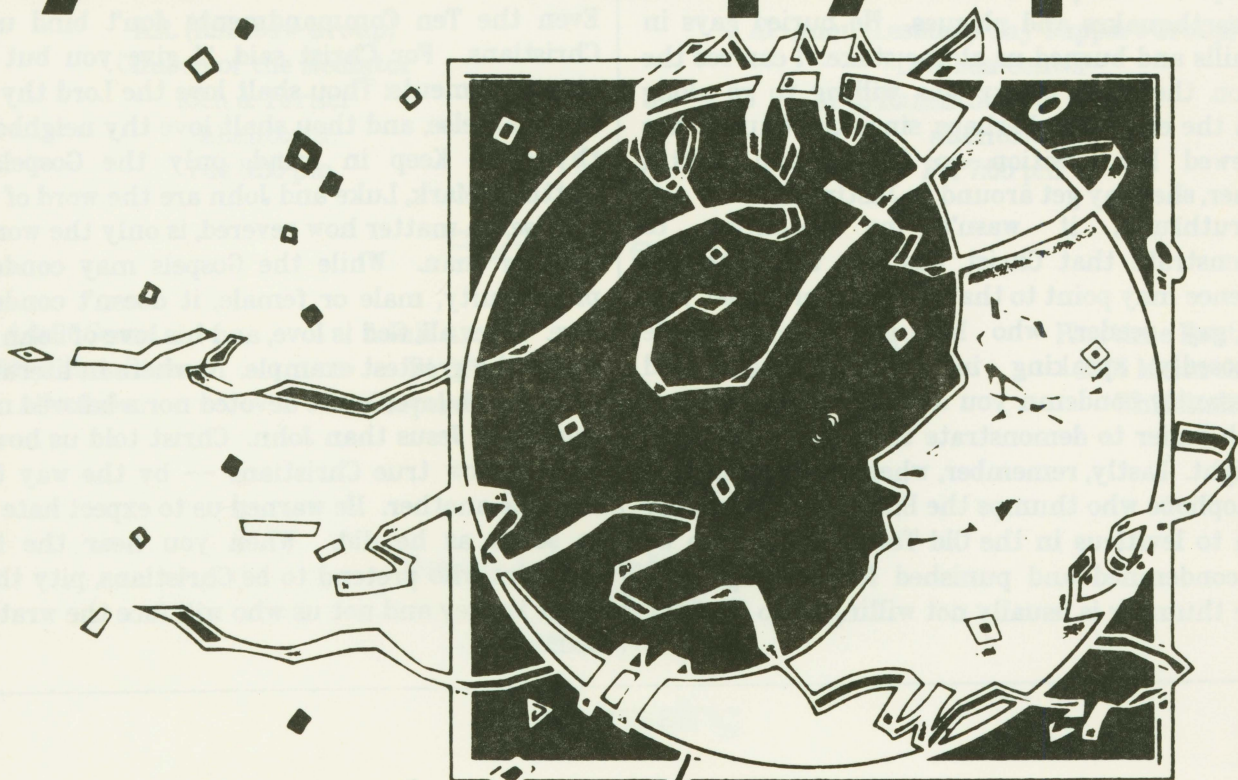


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fag hags, Mary Magdalene, a prostitute, and Martha and Mary, perhaps lesbians.

It should be noted that the Church's position on homosexuality was forced upon her in the sixth century, during the reign of that charming homophobic emperor, Justinian, who blamed us for earthquakes and plagues. He buried gays in anthills and burned us at the stake. I can see the reason the weak clergy was willing to go along with the emperor. Perhaps, since the Church has reviewed her position on Galileo and Martin Luther, she may get around to Justinian.

Truthfully, it wasn't my intention to demonstrate that Christ was gay, although the evidence may point to that. It was more to let you, the gay reader, who has listened to people supposedly speaking in the name of God incessantly condemn you as evil, know that it is much easier to demonstrate that God is gay than straight. Lastly, remember, when dealing with the homophobe who thumps the Bible, they inevitably turn to leuiticus in the Old Testament, where we are condemned and punished for sinning. The Bible thumper is usually not willing to go that far.

He is also likely to ignore the restrictions on what he may eat or wear, and he probably doesn't spend too much time quoting the Bible on divorce either. Remind him, if he accepts Christ as the messiah, then the Old Testament, the covenant between God and Moses and God and the Jews, has been fulfilled. Even the Ten Commandments don't bind us as Christians. For Christ said, "I give you but two commandments: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God above all else, and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." Keep in mind, only the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the word of God. All else, no matter how revered, is only the word of another man. While the Gospels may condemn promiscuity, male or female, it doesn't condemn love. After all, God is love, and his love of John sets for us the greatest example. Nowhere in literature can I find a lover more devoted nor a beloved more worthy of Jesus than John. Christ told us how we would know true Christians — by the way they love one another. He warned us to expect hate and to scorn as he did. When you hear the hate mongers who pretend to be Christians, pity them, for it is they and not us who will face the wrath of God!! ☒

Letters to the Editor

If you have any legitimate gripes about *Lambda Valley Monthly*, regarding articles or representation, Lambda Center, the bars or anything affecting the gay community, write a letter to the editor of *Lambda Valley Monthly*. If you want to get involved and don't know how or where, write a letter!

All letters should be addressed to:

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ongoing "GOING ONS"

Sundays (3/8,15,22,29;4/5,12)	Metropolitan Community Church of the L.V.	7:30 p.m.
Mondays (3/9,16,23,30;4/6,12)	Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.)	Noon-1:00
Fridays (3/13,20,27;4/3,10,17)	YOUR TURF (For the under 25 crowd)	7:30 p.m.
24 hours a day, 7 days a week	HOTLINE 433-5444	

the business of doing business

Tuesday 3/10	Board of Directors	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/17	Finance and Accounting committee	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 3/18	AIDS Services Center directors	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/24	Program and Fundraising Committee	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/24	Center Development and Communications Committee	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4/7	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 3/13	St. Patrick's Party	8:30 p.m.
Saturday 3/14	HOTLINE training session	7:30-9 p.m.
Monday 3/16	Womyn's Night	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 3/19	Le-Hi-Ho Activity/Lecture	7:30 p.m.
Friday 3/20	Video Night "my Beautiful Laundarette"	8:00 p.m.
Monday 3/30	***Oscar's Night Party***	8:00 p.m.
Monday 4/6	Womyn's Night	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 4/16	Membership Meeting	

looking into the crystal ball

May 8th	Lambda Center's "let's get going SUMMER" indoor Picnic	7:30 p.m.
June 28th- July 12th	Lehigh Valley's Own Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration	
October 11th	March on Washington, D.C. (Note: Planning will begin at the April Membership meeting on the 16 of April.)	
November 20th	FIFTH ANNUAL Lambda Center Fundraising Awards Dinner	

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On the 14th of March the Lehigh Valley Lesbian/Gay and AIDS Hotline will be conducting a training session for new volunteers. The training will take no more than two nights and can probably be done on the 14th. Each volunteer to the Hotline is expected to contribute no more than three hours a month (One shift) to staffing the HOTLINE. Staffing hours that are done by the volunteers are Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:00-10:00 p.m.(still have plenty of time to get to the bars). This service is one of the most successful and vital services our community can provide. During 1985 1986 the line logged more than 1200 calls. It is a service that is used.

LEHIGH VALLEY LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

FINANCE- Creating a voucher system for better accountability of funds, looking to investing some of the money for better rate of return.

C.D.&C.- Working on increasing the membership, looking at options of moving the Lambda Center to a new location, and better communication with our mailing list.

PROGRAM- Having a goal of at least one social party/month. Plans for the Picnic in July and the corresponding Gay/Lesbian Pride celebration.

SERVICES-AIDS Services Center to distribute 5000 free condoms. Looking to do an anti-violence workshop.

Above is the most basic sketch of what each of the four Lambda Center committees is in the process of doing. It doesn't begin to tell the whole story, but is a way to let everyone know the most basic issues that are in front of us now. All meeting of these committees and the Board of Directors are open meetings and you are welcome to attend.

We are havin' an OSCAR'S PARTY on the 30th of March. Come help pick the winners and console with the losers. The party will begin at 8:00 and there is a contest for those who feel they already know the winners. Test your ability. We aren't announcing our Guest Hosts name, but if you attend he and the rest of us can assure you will have an "ABSOLUTELY FLOURISHING" time. It can't be verified, but I'm sure he claims to have been a star of stage and screen among his many accomplishments in life.

YOUR TURF has been meeting for about six weeks. The club is for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and accepting people under the age of 25. It is created as a social atmosphere to be among peers. It meets every Friday at 7:30. Note should be made that on most Fridays the rest of us over 25ers can happen along at 8:30 for Video Night or one of the parties check the calendar for their listings.

Video Night is showing "My Beautiful Launderette" On the 20th. It was scheduled for last month but because of lack of availability and advertising we held it to this month. The video starts at 8:00 p.m. and is over by 11:00.

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Dear Briana...

by *BRIANA*

Who loves ya baby?

In response to a letter signed 'Not really into latex,' the use of condoms is making a comeback in both gay and homosexual communities. The term "safe sex" is becoming widely used, and I've begun asking some people their opinions. It's surprising how many men and women are still naive about the term. What does one consider safe or unsafe? A simple question that may save your life as well as your lover's or friend's. After a little research from the *American Medical Journal*, pamphlets from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Lehigh Valley Aids Services Center, these guidelines may be considered useful:

Safe Sex


hugging, touching,
and fondling
kissing
(wet kissing questionable)
mutual masturbation
anal and oral sex
with condom only
(using water-based
lubricant like KY not
oil-based like Vaseline
or Crisco)

Unsafe Sex

anal and oral sex without
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A general rule to follow safe sex practice: if semen comes into contact with blood, it's unsafe!

The AIDS virus is spreading at an alarming rate according to the World Health Organization. It's no longer considered a "gay disease." We must continue to educate not only our community but the population at large.

One should not be embarrassed to ask your sexual partner if he/she practices safe sex. One

only need see the devastation this horrible disease inflicts to overcome any embarrassment. Considering the consequences of the disease, is using condoms for safe sex so uncomfortable? Besides, bringing honesty and romance back into our relationships isn't such a bad idea!

For more detailed information, call the AIDS hotline at 433- 5444.

Remember, we are everywhere! ☐

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Hail and Farewell

by HUNTLEY HAVERSTOCK

Well, here it is not even three months into 1987, and your Lambda Center Notes already has some election news. No, we're not talking about the grand national marathon that already has the hearts of politicians, pollsters and pundits chomping at the bit for 1988. Our news is that your Lambda Center Board, in a much quieter fashion than Democrats and republicans, has picked its new slate of officers.

Topping the ticket as president is Ed Verba. In a unanimous vote at the February 10th meeting, the board chose Verba to succeed outgoing president Paul Kendall. Paul will retain a seat on the board at least for a year, however.

Along with Ed, a whole new slate of officers was chosen. With the new board members that were elected at the January 30th general membership meeting, it will provide new faces and (shades of Gary Hart) new ideas for the center in 1987.

One of the first topics of discussion by the new

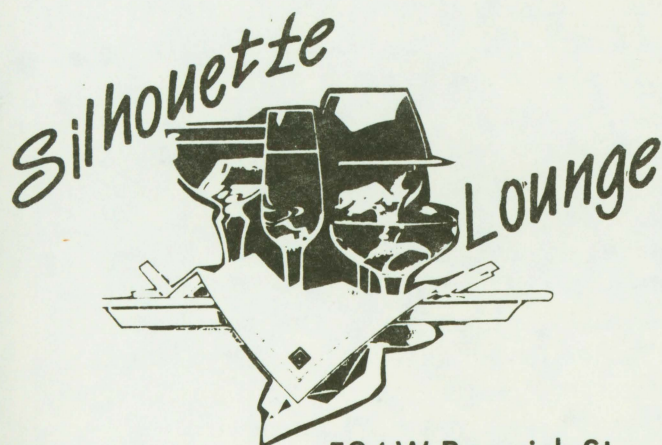
board concerned the *Lambda Valley Monthly*. Ed Verba pointed out, and the board as a whole expressed its concern to *LVM* editor Bob Sweeney, that delays in getting the newsletter out was preventing the center's members from finding out about events and programs until some of them were over. Sweeney, newly elected member of the board, pointed out that the problem was not in receiving the articles. Rather, delays have been in the typesetting and proof reading process. He told the board that efforts are being made to clear up these bottlenecks. A special committee was formed to help suggest ways to get things moving faster and into the hands of the gay and lesbian people of the Lehigh Valley.

The subject of the search for an executive director was next on the agenda. The chairperson of the selection committee reported that of the original eleven resumes received, only four remain who have agreed to consider the job. A special review panel was set up. Made up of some executive board officers and representatives from each of the standing committees, it is designed to give the widest possible group input into the decision making process.

There was also some discussion about the new young adult group that is meeting at the center every month. Called 'Your Turf,' the group is designed to give gays, lesbians and bi- sexuals under the age of 25 a time and place to express themselves. The board welcomes the start of this new group and encourages other like-minded folks to start up their own interest groups.

The AIDS Services Center also outlined its plans for the year. One of the major proposals discussed concerns the possible acquisition of a house or building to house people with AIDS who have been forced out of their homes or apartments. A lot of legal and financial hurdles need to be jumped before this can become a reality.

Finally, in a parting note, the board accepted with regret the resignation of one Huntley Haverstock, board member and columnist. It's time, as one famous local newspaper man once said it, to "let the young people run it, for better or worse." I have enjoyed writing for you and hope you have found this column interesting and informative. So, so long to you all, and watch in this space next month for coming attractions. ☐



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Monday-Saturday
3PM - 2AM

by MYRNA LOUISE

A brisk, crisp, festive-like hello to everyone out there! I hope everyone is doing just fine.

Enough of the pleasantries, now for the dirt!

I'm not one to gossip, but...

Rumor has it that Kitty, Crystal, Joanne, Cindy-Lou, Bomber, Dina, and Ms. Lori-Lou have joined Weight Watchers. It makes sense to me! Don't you always get a discount for volume? I've even heard that they call themselves the 'Lucky 7.' The only correlation I see is that they are both 'heavy' pay-offs! Good luck, ladies, you too, Dina! Ladies, look on the bright side: if nothing else, you've paid Lynn Redgrave's salary for another year! Maybe I'm being selfish, but if this Weight Watchers fling works, Kitty's itsey-bitsey will be just a wee bit pitsey! Remember, dear, I was using the future tense, not the present. But then again, ladies, and you too, Dina, lose enough weight, and we can make another person and send it to Florida, collect! Even Rosemary needs at least one friend — oh, how rude! Cut my salary, will she? I shouldn't complain. My salary was only cut once. Too bad she can't say that about all her nips and tucks!

Believe it or not, the other day I got a letter from an irate reader. She had the nerve to read Myrna! I must say parts weren't bad. I always give credit where it's due. So, in response to your letter, Ms. Dawn (no last names, please), Steph's daughter, Dina's niece, you said Kitty makes more tips than *moi*. Of course, she has more space for people to put them! Even you admitted in the letter that you are kissing Dina's buttocks because of a certain amount you received as a Christmas present. (Readers, in the letter, she disclosed a certain amount — We are not talking peanuts either!) It makes one wonder what else you've been kissing. Oh God, Joe, when you punch my teeth out, go for the uppers. I need bridge work anyway. Oh, Dawn, dear, remember what you wrote at the end of your letter? How did I do? Yes, folks, Myrna tries to answer and fill all requests. Have you ever tried to fill the Grand Canyon?

Myrna certainly has her own idiosyncrasies, but

I wish someone out there would talk to Larry. On busy nights at a downtown restaurant, he has been known to carry on conversations with the salad bar in the kitchen and to start laughing hysterically! The poor dear obviously thinks the red cabbage is talking back! Well, at least it's one thing that listens to him. Don't worry, love, I'll give you two paragraphs next issue for a rebuttal, because I'll know you'll have one.

Recently, I was looking at pictures from the First Annual Bar Olympics. How about that Brian as Polyester? I must say that you were truly wonderful. But what about next year when Dina has to change the name of her mascot to Poly-grip? I suggest we make Brian don the outfit and cook him for Thanksgiving. I don't know about you, but if I can get out of cooking for four years, I'm all for it! (You thought I forgot, didn't you, Brian?).

How about that Rob person I keep hearing about? How long has he been promising to get the rest of his things out of his ex-roommate's house? He has no room to talk about anything! Get over it, Rob! Just because you grew up with style doesn't mean you've maintained it. Oh, Rob still has style (turn-style), but the positions he likes in bed are his own business! Who cares?

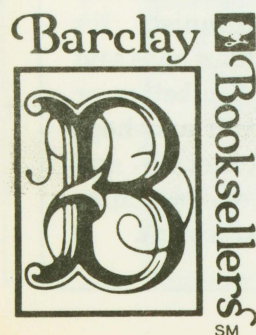
Markee, dear, what is your problem with cars? How long have you had your new one before it was hit? I'm not sure if they come with automatic transmission, but why don't you look into a vehicle that's armored? At this rate you're going to bankrupt your insurance company!

I've gone over my limit again, so I must close. Here's hoping we have an early spring.

Once again, I only write about the people I love and those that can take it in the fun it's meant to be. If I have offended anyone, I am sorry (except for Rosemary). If anyone has any good dirt, or if you just want to dish, you can write me at:

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For another, looking critically at organizations and/or individuals provides the movement the opportunity of seeking out the best for positions of leadership and guidance. As human beings, we all have flaws; but when those flaws inhibit the progress of our civil rights agenda, they should be brought to light.

As the Gay and Lesbian Press Association embarks on its seventh year, we rededicate ourselves to principles of good journalism and responsible reportage. To do otherwise would serve neither our publications and broadcasts nor the community and our fight for full recognition under the law.

Our seventh year will be devoted to taking our place among other national organizations in helping to guide and inform our community and to influencing others about rights and

responsibilities of a diverse minority with a broad political and social agenda.

We will also try to increase awareness in the non-gay media of our existence and our positions as responsible journalists. By making in-roads with the non-gay press, we can help change perceptions of who we are as a people and instigate more balanced and objective coverage of the community by those outside it.

We are the only national trade association of gays and lesbians, and we will attempt to use our unique position to furthering the right for our human rights.

We hope that the community will look to use as an indispensable community resource and be cognizant of our singular role as gays and lesbians to serve the community in a particular and powerful way. □

by D.D.

Sparkles

I'll treasure our times
so bright and new
as sparkles in my heart,
the love from you.

They began with a smile
a night on our own
the touch of our hands
into a world unknown.

The first beginnings
unsure and afraid
gave way to love
we thought should have stayed.

It seemed so right
our tenderness as one
shined with the glory
the strength of the sun.

We spent our moments
walking heart in heart.
A gray would appear
if we were apart

As time moved ahead
some silence inside
became a seed
we'd both try to hide.

So small at first
was it really there?
Neither would speak of it
no one would dare.

We still were one
but no words were said
of this dull silence
my love would dread.

I struggled to know
what you felt inside.
Why your unhappy heart?
Was it something that died?

And now it seems
you're so far away
Your heart is so quiet.
Must it stay that way

If I had the chance
to touch you once more
It would be only to open
that dark silent door.

I've tried my best
but I seem not to be
the man in your life
the man with the key

But the sparkles shine on
there will always be a few.
They will carry the light
of my love for you. □

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